

REMARKS

Status

This Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 30, 2006, in which Claims 1-6, 8, 15-24, 27-29, and 32-34 were rejected; and Claims 7, 9-14, 25, 26, 30, 31, 35, and 36 were allowed.

Claims 1-6, 8, 15-24, 27-29, and 32-34 have been cancelled; no claims have been amended; and no new claims have been added. Accordingly, Claims 7, 9-14, 25, 26, 30, 31, 35, and 36 are pending in the application, and are presented for allowance.

Allowed Claims

Claims 7, 9-14, 25, 26, 30, 31, 35, and 36 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of these claims.

Claim Rejection - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1, 16-18, 21, 23, 24, 27, 29, and 33 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,633,655 (*Hong*).

In order to promote prosecution of the present application, and without conceding either the correctness of the Office Action's position or the need for amendment for patentability reasons, Applicants have cancelled Claims 1, 16-18, 21, 23, 24, 27, 29, and 33. Accordingly, this rejection is moot.

Claim Rejection - 35 USC § 103 – *Hong/Kim*

Claims 2 and 28 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hong* in view of US Patent No. 6,049,626 (*Kim*).

In order to promote prosecution of the present application, and without conceding either the correctness of the Office Action's position or the need for amendment for patentability reasons, Applicants have cancelled Claims 2 and 28. Accordingly, this rejection is moot.

Claim Rejection - 35 USC § 103 – *Hong/Kim/Gonzalez and Woods*

Claims 3 and 4 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hong* in view of *Kim*, and further in view of *Gonzalez and Woods* ' "Digital Image Processing".

In order to promote prosecution of the present application, and without conceding either the correctness of the Office Action's position or the need for amendment for patentability reasons, Applicants have cancelled Claims 3 and 4. Accordingly, this rejection is moot.

Claim Rejection - 35 USC § 103 – Hong/Chen

Claims 5, 6, and 8 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hong* in view of US Patent Application No. 2002/0136450 (*Chen*).

In order to promote prosecution of the present application, and without conceding either the correctness of the Office Action's position or the need for amendment for patentability reasons, Applicants have cancelled Claims 5, 6, and 8. Accordingly, this rejection is moot.

Claim Rejection - 35 USC § 103 – Hong/Luo/Gonzalez and Woods

Claims 15 and 32 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hong* in view of US Patent No. 6,151,403 (*Luo*), and further in view of *Gonzalez and Woods*' "Digital Image Processing".

In order to promote prosecution of the present application, and without conceding either the correctness of the Office Action's position or the need for amendment for patentability reasons, Applicants have cancelled Claims 15 and 32. Accordingly, this rejection is moot.

Claim Rejection - 35 USC § 103 – Hong/Funayama

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hong* in view of US Patent Application No. 2001/0014182 (*Funayama*).

In order to promote prosecution of the present application, and without conceding either the correctness of the Office Action's position or the need for amendment for patentability reasons, Applicants have cancelled Claim 19. Accordingly, this rejection is moot.

Claim Rejection - 35 USC § 103 – Hong/Luo

Claims 20, 22 and 34 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hong* in view of US Patent No. 6,151,403 (*Luo*).

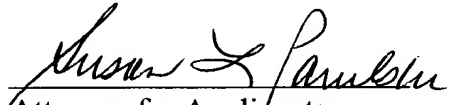
In order to promote prosecution of the present application, and without conceding either the correctness of the Office Action's position or the need for amendment for patentability reasons, Applicants have cancelled Claims 20, 22, and 34. Accordingly, this rejection is moot.

Summary

For the reasons set forth above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

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